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"WHITE CLERK LAW."

He Also Legislated Against the Inter-married Citizens.

John Sharp of Bluejacket, I. T., was in the city yesterday on business with the Dawes commission. He is an ex member of the Cherokee council, and a leader in the Katoowah party of that nation, and has helped to make history during the ten years past, which have been so eventful in the affairs of that tribe.

Mr. Sharp first came into prominence as the author of the "White Clerk Law," a measure which at one blow struck off the head of every non-citizen clerk or bookkeeper in the Cherokee nation.

Before the enactment of the Curtis law the tribal laws of the Cherokee excluded all non-citizen merchants, or white traders from the nation, the business all being presumably in the hands of the Cherokee citizens. The merchants however in many instances employed white clerks and bookkeepers, and in some places non-citizens were conducting business under the name of some citizen the actual proprietor being ostensibly the clerk.

In 1895 Senator Sharp introduced into the Cherokee council a bill prohibiting the employment of any non-citizen as clerk or bookkeeper in the Cherokee nation. The bill passed both branches of the council and became a law. It not only settled the business for all non citizens who were engaged in business under cover of the name of some Cherokee Indian, but every white person connected in any way with a mercantile establishment within the limits of the Cherokee nation, from delivery boy to manager, suddenly found himself out of a job. This law remained in full force and effect until the Curtis law abolished the tribal courts, when it became inoperative.

The next bill introduced by Mr. Sharp, and the one perhaps, which gained him the greatest notoriety, was the "Inter-marriage Law." Under the customs of the tribe when a non-citizen intermarried with a Cherokee Indian he was formally adopted by the tribe and was endowed with all the prerogatives of a Cherokee by blood with the single exception of being ineligible to the office of principal chief. Councilor Sharp's bill provided that no person contracting a marriage with a Cherokee citizen should be adopted into the tribe or share in any way in the common estate. The bill passed both branches of the National council, but the measure not meeting the approval of S. H. Mayes, who was at that time the principal chief, was promptly vetoed. The council then passed the bill over the chief's veto, and it became a law, remaining in full force and effect to the present day, as the Dawes commission is winding up the affairs of the five nations is guided as far as possible by the customs and usages of the tribes—ethnology.

Saved At Grave's Brink.
"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newcomb, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, water-brash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. This excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive guaranteed cure. Only 50c at People's drug store. A. W. Foreman's drug stores. dw

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THESE HAVE LOST.

Interior Department Affirms Decision of Dawes Commission.

Special to Daily Chieftain.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 19, 1902. The decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rejecting the following applications for enrollment in the Cherokee Nation have been affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior: Margaret Parrie; John H. Gillespie; Mary Gillespie; Oscar and Charles H. Bantley, Lebanon, Mo.; Cicero Markham; Talequah; Charles Burdine, et al; William A. Findley; Banke and Francis M. Burdine; John H. Miller; George W. Chavers, et al; Ruby McDougald, et al; Moselle Mclelland, et al; Jennette E. Ford; John Chavers; Emmerson D. Sumpter; L. H. Scruggs, et al; William Harrell; W. E. Harris, et al; Alonzo H. Stone, et al; William G. Wray, et al; Andrew Johnson; S. L. Ball, et al; Nottly P. Tidwell, et al and Parthena Watts, et al.

Signs of Promise.

Recently a traveling man expressed himself as being of the opinion that the railroads and mercantile establishments which have regulated against the use of tobacco and liquor among their employees were doing more for the cause of temperance than all the lecturers in the country.

When we heard this statement we were reminded of the efforts of the dauntless Mrs. Hunt, who has done more than anyone else in establishing the study of scientific temperance in the schools of all the states and most of the territories. We are now beginning to see the fruit of her labor.

Since the anti-canteen agitation there have been many hard things said concerning the depravity of our soldiers. They have been pictured by the defenders of the army saloon as being in a bad state of demoralization, craving drink and debauchery to an awful extent.

It is difficult to believe all this but it is really true, a cure other than the saloon can be found. Some one has suggested that the same precautions and regulations be resorted to as the railroads and other corporations have adopted. Receive into the army only total abstainers. Is it not as necessary as the exact number of inches perpendicular which are requisite?

These days when so many are thinking of the future of the Indian Territory; when eyes and ears are turned towards congress awaiting final decisions, let us not forget that important matter of preserving our prohibitory law.

When asked for the strongest argument in favor of prohibition an earnest temperance worker replied "My boys," and when asked for the strongest ground of hope for the triumph of prohibition replied again "My boys." That same argument is good enough for us, only I think I should say "My boys and girls."

A Texas paper recently complimented the territory press, good reason why, the liquor ad has never soiled it. The Indian territory papers live and have their being without the patronage of King Alcohol. Be proud of that.

Not long ago I saw a large whiskey advertisement in a Kansas City paper and in fine print in one corner it said "something like this, 'Packed so that no knowledge of contents can be obtained.' Why must such a thing be kept secret unless there is shame and dishonor in the receiving and the delivery of it?"

Most people are glad at Christmas time but some have a deeper and sweeter happiness than others. To them the coming of Christ to the world means much. They have learned something of the wonder-

ful influence the Christmas babe has had in this big, wayward, beautiful world, and they will try to remember the birthday in an appropriate manner and an appropriate spirit. M. C. STRETCH.

A Cold Wave.

The forecast of sudden changes in the weather serves notice that a hoarse voice and a heavy cough may invade the sanctity of health in your own home. Cautious people have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure always at hand. E. H. Wise, Madison, Ga., writes: "I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my present good health, and probably my life." It cures coughs, colds, lagrippe, bronchitis, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. One Minute Cough Cure cuts the phlegm, draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes the mucous membranes and strengthens the lungs. A. W. Foreman. dw

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A. H. Thurnes, a well known coal operator of Buffalo, O., writes: "I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel or stones with excruciating pain. I got no relief from medicines I began taking Foley's Kidney Care, then the result was surprising. A few doses started the brick dust like fine stones and now I have no pain across my kidneys and I feel like a new man. It has done me a \$1000 worth of good." Sold by People's drug store. dw

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